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### **DISA Selects Net-Centric Collaboration Service Provider**

ARLINGTON, Va., July 13, 2006 – DISA has selected International Business Machines (IBM) Corporation to provide net-centric collaboration services via a contract valued at \$17 million.

IBM will provide collaboration services to the DoD. Capabilities provided will include instant messaging, low-bandwidth text chat, and web conferencing. Instant messaging and web conferencing both include audio and video support, while web conferencing adds shared whiteboards, desktop/application sharing, and the ability to invite non-DoD personnel into collaboration sessions.

DISA's Net-Centric Enterprise Services (NCES) program is coordinating the roll-out of these services and is the group managing this suite of enterprise services throughout the DoD.

In addition to this award, it is DISA's intent to acquire a second commercially-managed collaboration service, promoting a "two-button" approach that will foster competition between service providers.

Information requests should be directed to the DISA Public Affairs Office.

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